

## TRADE AND INVESTMENT

### Agricultural Products

**Agreements Between the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and ISRAEL Extending Agreement of  
July 27, 2004**

Effectuated by Exchange of Letters at  
Jerusalem and Washington November 8, 2018

Effectuated by Exchange of Letters at  
Jerusalem and Washington December 5, 2017

Effectuated by Exchange of Letters at  
Jerusalem and Washington December 4, 2016

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Jerusalem and Washington November 26, 2013



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## ISRAEL

### **Trade and Investment: Agricultural Products**

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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November 8, 2018

Ms. Rachel Hirshler  
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5 Bank Israel Street  
Jerusalem, Israel 91036

Dear Ms. Hirshler:

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In order to allow more time for this review, I have the honor to confirm the following understanding between our Governments that, effective as of this date:

1. The Agreement, its annexes, and attachments, with modifications as noted in this letter, shall remain in force through December 31, 2019.
2. For 2019, Israel shall maintain, for each product listed in Annex B of the Agreement, the quantities for duty-free import into Israel from the United States at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
3. For 2019, Israel shall maintain, for imports from the United States subject to Annex C of the Agreement, the 2008 preference levels specified for each product in that Annex.
4. For 2019, the United States shall maintain, for each product listed in Annex D of the Agreement, the quantities for duty-free import into the United States from Israel at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
5. The United States and Israel shall continue their review of the operation of the Agreement with a view to reaching a new agreement on trade in agricultural products to enter into force at the earliest practicable date.

Sincerely,



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December 5, 2017

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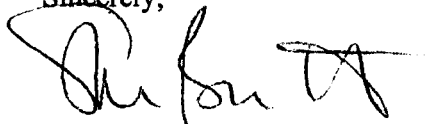
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2. For 2018, Israel shall maintain, for each product listed in Annex B of the Agreement, the quantities for duty-free import into Israel from the United States at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
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2. For 2018, Israel will maintain, for each product listed in Annex B of the Agreement, the quantities for duty-free import into Israel from the United States at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
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Jerusalem, December 4, 2016

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In order to allow more time for this review, I have the honor to confirm the following understanding between our Governments that, effective as of this date:

1. The Agreement, its annexes, and attachments, with modifications as noted in this letter, will remain in force through December 31, 2017.
2. For 2017, Israel will maintain, for each product listed in Annex B of the Agreement, the quantities for duty-free import into Israel from the United States at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
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4. For 2017, the United States will maintain, for each product listed in Annex D of the Agreement, the quantities for duty-free import into the United States from Israel at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
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In order to allow more time for this review, I have the honor to confirm the following understanding between our Governments that, effective as of this date:

1. The Agreement, its annexes, and attachments, with modifications as noted in this letter, shall remain in force through December 31, 2017, unless a permanent agreement is reached.
2. For 2017, Israel shall maintain, for each product listed in Annex B of the Agreement, the quantities for duty-free import into Israel from the United States at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
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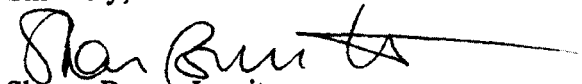
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Jerusalem, November 26, 2013

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